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**AMENDMENT**

**SENT VIA EXPRESS MAIL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 13, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 6-12 with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix):

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a silicon MEMS device useful in testing sliders. Shown in Figure 1 is a MEMS device 10 comprising an outer frame 12, several inner springs 14, two circular pin holes 16, a tab 18, and a pedestal 20. The MEMS device 10 functions as a clamp for holding a slider during testing. The slider can be temporarily clamped into the MEMS device 10 on pedestal 20 so that the slider can be flown above a disc, tested, unclamped, and then removed from the MEMS device 10.

Please replace the paragraphs at page 3, lines 13-17 with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix)

The pin holes 16 on the MEMS device 10 align and hold the device 10 on a suspension or fixture (not shown in Figure 1). The tab 18 provides a location at which pressure can be applied